



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:45 a.m. EDT (NOAA)

### **Agricultural Weather Highlights - Thursday - November 21, 2002**

- ***In the West***, mild, dry weather continues to aid autumn fieldwork, but maintains high moisture demands of emerging winter wheat. In the ***Washington and Oregon***, isolated rain and snow showers are improving only local moisture reserves.
- ***On the Plains***, dry weather supports final summer crop harvests. On the ***northern High Plains***, somewhat milder weather is lowering winter wheat growth rates and lowering crop moisture requirements.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, cool, showery weather hampers late corn and soybean harvesting in the ***Great Lakes region and the Ohio Valley***. Drier, albeit cool weather favors harvesting in the ***Mississippi Valley***.
- ***In the South***, late cotton and soybean harvesting continues to make good progress in the ***Delta***. However, rain has returned to the ***Southeast and Mid-Atlantic states***, increasing long-term moisture reserves but hindering autumn fieldwork.

**Outlook:** A cold front moving through the ***Ohio Valley and Atlantic Coast States*** is bringing showers and below-normal temperatures to the ***eastern third of the nation***. An area of low pressure will develop along the front as it reaches the coast, maintaining the threat of rain and snow in the ***Mid Atlantic and Northeast*** into the weekend. Elsewhere, dry weather and above-normal temperatures will prevail from the ***Plains*** west to the ***Pacific Coast***, although a strong cold front will push into the ***northern Plains*** by the weekend. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for November 26-30 features below-normal precipitation in the ***West, northern Plains, and Southeast***, while above-normal precipitation is expected in the ***southern Rockies, southern High Plains, Great Lakes, and Northeast***. Below-normal temperatures are forecast for the ***eastern half of the Nation***, while above-normal temperatures are forecast for the ***West***.

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